



## COUNCILMEMBER MARTI EMERALD

CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Dear Friends:

Although this has been a cool summer so far, we must still be prepared for wildfires. Public safety is my number one priority. While each of us hopes never to experience a wildfire, I encourage you to be prepared in the event of a natural disaster. In advance of wildfire season, please make certain you:

- Test your smoke alarm and change the batteries
- Create a defensible space around your home and reduce risk of fire inside your house
- Update your Family Disaster Plan and Personal Survival Guide ([www.sandiego.gov/ohs](http://www.sandiego.gov/ohs))
- Make a list and take photos or video of your important possessions, such as furniture and appliances, and be as specific as possible. Save a copy in a safe location separate from your property
- Register your cell phone and e-mail address with the regional emergency notification system ([www.sdcounty.ca.gov/oes/ready/signup.html](http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/oes/ready/signup.html))

In the event of an evacuation, you will need the following:

- A predetermined meeting place for your family and a location for boarding family pets
- Grab-and-run box or container with your important papers, medications, and some cash
- Suitcase filled with essential clothing, jewelry, family photos and keepsakes
- Food, water, proof of ownership, medication and other necessary items for your pets

Be certain to take advantage of the helpful information and resources provided by the following agencies:

- City of San Diego Fire and Rescue Department: [www.sandiego.gov/fireandems/safety](http://www.sandiego.gov/fireandems/safety)
- City of San Diego Office of Homeland Security: [www.sandiego.gov/ohs](http://www.sandiego.gov/ohs)
- County of San Diego Office of Emergency Services: [www.sdcounty.ca.gov/oes](http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/oes)
- American Red Cross: [www.sdarcs.org](http://www.sdarcs.org)
- California Emergency Management Agency: [www.oes.ca.gov](http://www.oes.ca.gov)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency: [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)

It is my privilege to serve as your representative for the Seventh District on the San Diego City Council. If you need any assistance in the future, please feel free to contact my office at (619) 236-6677.

Warm regards,

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Chair, Public Safety & Neighborhood Services Committee  
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